

REMARKS

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the Abstract because the term "The present invention relates to" was used in the text of the Abstract. In response, a new Abstract has been presented which does not include the phrase that was objected to by the Examiner. For this reason, it is requested that this ground of rejection be withdrawn.

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, claims 2-7 were objected to on the ground that these claims were improper multiple dependent claims. This ground of objection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 2-7.

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Fruchter.

Reconsideration is requested.

The specification has been amended at page 4, to point out features, which can be clearly deduced from the drawings. These features include a closure cover which is an integral closure cover having a foot element which is an integral foot element. Page 4 of the disclosure, as amended by this Amendment, specifies that the counter-tooth element is actually an inner circular rim defining, with the inner circular wall of the inner surface of the closure cover 11, a circular slot in which the enlarged edge or rim 13 can be snap engaged thereby providing a safe closure for either a liquid or a solid sample product. These features are not new matter since they are clearly shown in the Applicant's

drawings.

New claim 8 points out that the inner or under-surface of the cover element has a circular slot, in which the thickened circular rim of the top of the auxiliary container can be snap engaged thereby providing a tight and safe coupling between the cover and the auxiliary container. This feature, in particular, is applied to a cover for a container body, where the cover has a film hinge and a top covering element, which are all formed in an integral manner.

The Fruchter patent discloses a container for pills, tablets etc. which is provided with a cap that is adapted to be inserted into the top portion of a vial. The cap has a cover with a living hinge for storing pills, tablets etc. Fruchter does not disclose having an integral top closure element on the under surface of which defines a circular slot that may be snap engaged with a rim on the top of the closure element.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the new claim 8 defines a novel and unobvious structure over that which is disclosed by Fruchter. For these reasons, it is requested that this ground of rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Heldfond.

Reconsideration is requested.

The Heldfond patent discloses a container with a receptacle closure that has two removable elements that may be formed into a separate pill container apart from the cap and the container. Heldfond does not disclose a container having an integral top closure element on the under surface of which has a circular slot that can be snap engaged with a rim on the top of the closure

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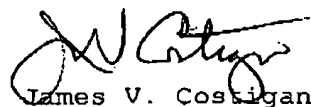
In paragraph 6 of the Office Action, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Dixon.

Reconsideration is requested.

The Dixon publication discloses a cover for a container wherein in certain embodiments, the cover has a top that may be opened at the top surface. The Dixon closure cover of Fig. 2b has a cover or cap that has a living hinge and a circular extension that engages the inner wall of the body of the cap. This does not suggest providing a cover on a cap where the cover has a circular slot that engages a thickened circular rim on the upper surface of the cover or cap body. New claim 8 points out this feature and it defines novel and unobvious subject matter. For these reasons, it is requested that this ground of rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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